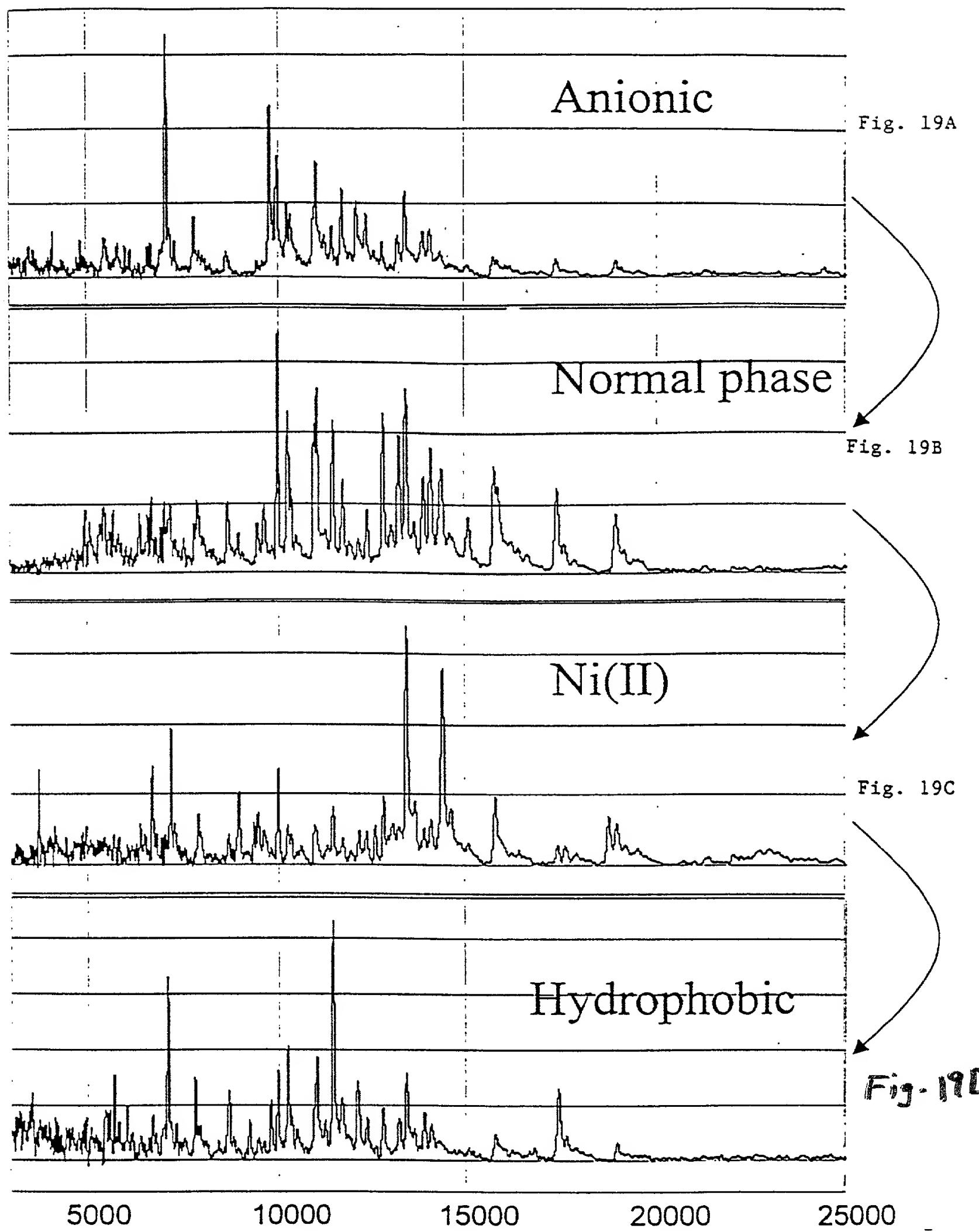


FIG. 19



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
(REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
DRAWING AMENDMENT)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application mailed February 16, 2001. According to the Notice of Omitted Items, Figure 19D is described in the specification, but the drawing for Figure 19D has been omitted from the application as filed.

Applicants note that Figure 19D was filed with the rest of the application on December 21, 2000, but a figure label for Figure 19D was missing from the drawing. As shown in Figure 19 as filed, there are four separate boxes representing different mass spectra. The top three mass spectra are labeled as Figures 19A, 19B and 19C. However, for the mass spectra at the bottom of the page, label for Figure 19D was inadvertently omitted.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the attached drawing by labeling the bottom mass spectra as Fig. 19D as shown in red ink on the attached copy of the drawing.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the change to the drawing is not substantive. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve of the proposed change to Figure 19.

Applicants believe that there is no fee in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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